

Baltimore-Washington Rail Intermodal Facility

Summary of Comment Cards Received at the Hebron-Harman Elementary School April 21, 2011 Public Workshop April 26, 2011

Following is a summary of the information that was provided by attendees at the Hebron-Harman Elementary School (Jessup) Public Workshop who completed the Comment Card.

Attendance: 39 people signed in, an unknown number of attendees did not sign in bringing overall attendance to an estimated 50 people.

Comment Cards: 7 comment cards (14% of the attendees) were provided at the workshop. Several attendees said they would mail comment cards by the requested date of May 27. After that date this summary will be updated.

Email Addresses: 5 persons provided their email addresses to be added to the project mailing list:

How did you hear about the workshop?

The means by which persons learned about the workshop are indicated below:

Post Card:	3
Newsletter:	1
Website:	1
Newspaper:	1
Other:	1
TOTAL	7

Was the Open House format of tonight's workshop effective?

Of the 7 persons who provided a comment card, 5 indicated that the workshop was effective; the other two persons did not answer the question.

In the future, how would you like the project team to share updates and new developments?

There is interest in receiving information about the project in the future via all four possible ways as indicated below:

Website:	1
Newsletter:	1
Email:	2
Workshops:	1
TOTAL	5

Do you have any comments regarding the project?

Everyone who completed a comment card expressed views regarding the project and specific sites. Their comments follow:

1. My concern is the Hanover site in Howard County. Since the land is purchased, would you be buying the homes from the residents so they can protect their property value? Hanover isn't the wealthiest part of Howard County and it feels like you are exploiting that for the needs of the company. My concern is decrease in property value for all of Elkridge.
2. I am concerned about crime and extra traffic in our neighborhoods.
3. I would like to see CSX use the Race Road and Hanover Road site. I think this would create jobs for Elkridge which are of great need. Race Road is mostly a trash dump; this would beautify the area.
4. People (homeowners) sometimes forget that trains and trucks are the way they receive their food, clothing, etc. How else can things be delivered to the stores they purchase these items from.
5. I think the project would really add to the state of Maryland and would bring in much needed work. Also, I think the Race Road site is an ideal place.
6. Best location = correctional facility, Jessup (ICC, welcome center, access to Routes 32 & 175). Next = Montevideo Site; Next= Elkridge.
7. The Jessup site seems to be the best fit for all of the environmental criteria. It is already an industrialized area on all sides and is much closer to improved highways than the other sites.
8. Whichever one you pick the idea is a good one for now, but eventually we must either fix the Howard Street Tunnel or build a way around it for a permanent solution.
9. The problem with the Hanover site is the number of houses close to the site.
10. CSX, bring back the cat!
11. This sucks!!!

Did the workshop answer your questions? If not, please explain.

Five persons said yes, two people did not respond to the question. One person provided the following explanation.

I'm glad to see how easily everything can be explained when there is such openness to the process. Good job all around.